

CLAIMS

1. A holding device for a tarpaulin-like or cloth-like object to be processed, **characterized in that** a means (5, 5a, 5b) is provided for releasably pressing at least a part of the object (8) to be processed against a processing head (6) connectable with the holding device, said means being releasable from the contact position via an actuating lever (4), and that the holding device is provided with a first hand grip (2) for one of the operator's hands, a second hand grip (3) for the operator's other hand and, preferably within reach of the second hand grip, the actuating lever (4).
2. The holding device of claim 1, **characterized in that** the means (5, 5a, 5b) for releasably applying pressure is engineered as a bent component (5a) pretensioned towards the processing head.
3. The holding device of claim 2, **characterized in that** the bent component (5a) consists of wire, especially spring steel wire.
4. The holding device of claim 1, **characterized in that** the means (5, 5a, 5b) for releasably applying pressure is engineered as a pressing member (5b) pretensioned towards the processing head (6) by a spring (7).
5. The holding device of claim 1, **characterized in that** the means (5, 5a, 5b) for releasably applying pressure to at least a part of the object (8) to be processed is located preferably on the upper side of the holding device.
6. The holding device of claim 1, **characterized in that** the processing head (6) is part of a device for the removal or setting of eyelets and for punching holes in the tarpaulin, and that the object (8) is a tarpaulin provided with or to be provided with eyelets.